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SUBJECT: TECHNICIAN EXCHANGE

FOR SCIATTACHE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT OF THE
TECHNICIAN EXCHANGE OPERATIONS PLAN, WHICH YOU ARE RE-
QUESTED TO PRESENT TO GOM OFFICIALS. WHERE CHANGES OR
AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO APPROVE
THEIR SPANISH TRANSLATION.

BEGIN QUOTE: SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
YOUNG TECHNICIANS BETWEEN THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CONACYT)
OF MEXICO AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DE-
SIGNATED AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING AND IM-
PLEMENTING THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF YOUNG
MEXICAN AND UNITED STATES TECHNICIANS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
POINT 5 OF THE AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION, CONCLUDED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON JUNE 15,
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1972 BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND ACTING TO
CARRY OUT POINT 6 OF THE AFORESAID NOTES, AGREE TO BASE

THEIR COOPERATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

PLAN OF OPERATION

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM BASED ON RECIPROCITY AND THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUIVALENCY SHALL BE CARRIED OUT, STARTING IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1973. THE AGREEMENT SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON SIGNATURE AND SHALL CONTINUE IN FORCE FOR THREE YEARS, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS OR EXTENSION BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES. THE AREAS OF COOPERATION AND THE NUMBER OF PERSONS IN EACH AREA SHALL BE SUBJECT TO MUTUAL AGREEMENT BY THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES.
2. THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING OUT THE SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF YOUNG TECHNICIANS FOR THE UNITED STATES, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, SHALL BE REPRESENTED IN MEXICO BY THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY AND THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR MEXICO, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE OF TECHNOLOGY, (CONACYT), SHALL BE REPRESENTED IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE MEXICAN EMBASSY.
3. PARTICIPANTS SHALL BE PRESELECTED BY THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND FIELDS OF STUDY ESTABLISHED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES.
4. THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES SHALL BE SENT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS TO THE HOST COUNTRY, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY. THE HOST COUNTRY SHALL BE THE ONE TO GIVE FINAL APPROVAL AND SHALL ARRANGE FOR THE PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF THE PROGRAM. IN EACH CASE, APPROVAL OF EACH CANDIDATE SHALL BE COMMUNICATED IN WRITING TO THE OTHER

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PARTY.

5. THE AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL DECIDE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM.

II. CONDITIONS FOR MEXICAN CANDIDATES

6. TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS PROGRAM, CANDIDATES MUST BE SELECTED FROM AMONG YOUNG GRADUATES OF MIDDLE-

LEVEL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, YOUNG UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND POSTGRADUATES, AND OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS AGENCIES. THE YOUNG PEOPLE SELECTED FOR EACH AREA OF WORK, TRAINING, OR SPECIALIZATION MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD CONCERNED.

LANGUAGE

7. THE MEXICAN CANDIDATES MUST HAVE A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, WHICH IF NECESSARY, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPLEMENT BY PROVIDING INTENSIVE ENGLISH COURSES AFTER THEY ARRIVE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM ITSELF BEGIN.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

8. THE MEXICAN AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE UNITED STATES PARTY A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE ON EACH CANDIDATE REGARDING HIS OR HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM BEFORE HE ARRIVES IN THE UNITED STATES.

FINANCING

9. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL FINANCE THE FOLLOW-
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ING EXPENSES OF MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS:

(A) ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL BETWEEN THE CITY IN MEXICO AND THE CITY IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE THE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE STAYING.

(B) THE COST OF LOCAL TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

(C) LIVING EXPENSES, INCLUDING ROOM AND BOARD.

(D) MEDICAL, LIFE, AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

TRAVEL

10. MEXICAN CANDIDATES SHALL TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES ON DATES DETERMINED BY THE COMPETENT

AUTHORITIES.

STAY

11. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING THE YOUNG MEXICAN TECHNICIANS AND SHALL ASSIST THEM IN MAKING SUITABLE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

III. CONDITIONS FOR UNITED STATES CANDIDATES

12. THE YOUNG PEOPLE SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THIS PROGRAM MUST HAVE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF ACADEMIC TRAINING OR EXPERIENCE IN THE TEACHING OR RESEARCH FIELDS CONCERNED.

LANGUAGE

13. THE UNITED STATES CANDIDATES MUST HAVE A BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPANISH LANGUAGE, WHICH IF NECESSARY, THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WILL SUPPLEMENT AFTER THEY ARRIVE IN MEXICO BY PROVIDING INTENSIVE SPANISH FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT WEEKS BEFORE THE ACTIVITIES UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM ITSELF BEGIN.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

14. THE UNITED STATES AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE MEXICAN PARTY A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE ON EACH CANDIDATE REGARDING HIS OR HER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL CONDITION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TRAINING PROGRAM BEFORE HE ARRIVES IN MEXICO.

15. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL FINANCE THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES OF UNITED STATES PARTICIPANTS:

(A) ROUND-TRIP TRAVEL BETWEEN THE CITY IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CITY IN MEXICO WHERE THE AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS WILL BE STAYING.

(B) THE COST OF LOCAL TRAVEL IN MEXICO NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR EACH PARTICIPANT.

(C) LIVING EXPENSES, INCLUDING ROOM AND BOARD.

(D) MEDICAL, LIFE, AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE.

TRAVEL

16. UNITED STATES CANDIDATES SHALL TRAVEL TO MEXICO ON DATES DETERMINED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

STAY

17. THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING THE YOUNG AMERICAN TECHNICIANS AND SHALL ASSIST THEM IN MAKING SUITABLE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.

18. EACH PARTY SHALL ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS IN THIS PROGRAM ARE EXPOSED AS UNCLASSIFIED

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MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO CULTURAL EVENTS IN THE COUNTRY WHERE THEY ARE STAYING.

19. THE TWO PARTIES SHALL PERIODICALLY EVALUATE THE OPERATION OF THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS AND SHALL AGREE ON THE CONDITIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT STAGES, AS WELL AS THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF THE PROGRAM.

20. THE OBLIGATIONS OF EACH PARTY UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

FOR THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE:

EUGENIO MENDEZ ROBERT H. MCBRIDE
DIRECTOR GENERAL AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY
AND PLENIPOTENTIARY

END QUOTE

2. WE HAVE DELETED PARAGRAPHS 3, 11, AND 18 IN THE MEXICAN DRAFT SUBSTITUTING LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 1 WHICH WE BELIEVE CONVEYS THE SAME INTENT, WITHOUT LOCKING EITHER PARTY INTO A TOO EXPLICIT PROGRAM.

3. WE BELIEVE THE LAST SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE MEXICAN DRAFT (PARA.4 OF ABOVE TEXT) IS SUFFICIENT MENTION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH PARTY TO ISSUE CALLS FORWARD AND HAVE THEREFORE DELETED FURTHER REFERENCE TO THIS IN PARAGRAPHS 7 AND 15 OF THE MEXICAN TEXT.

4. WE HAVE AMENDED LANGUAGE REGARDING HOUSING TO MAKE CLEAR THAT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH GOVERNMENT INCLUDES COST OF HOUSING. FINDING HOUSING FOR THE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS WILL PRESENT NO PROBLEM FOR THE FIVE TO NINE WEEK PERIOD OF ORIENTATION AND LANGUAGE TRAINING.

HOWEVER, ONCE THE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS GO TO THEIR RE-
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SPECTIVE TRAINING SITES, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT THEY
CAN EXPECT MORE THAN ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR US SUPERVISORS.

5. WE HAVE ALSO USED THE SAME WORDING TO DESCRIBE THE
RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY FOR LANGUAGE TRAINING.
WE BELIEVE THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE RECIPROCITY AND
EQUIVALENCY DESIRED BY CONACYT. HOWEVER, PLEASE CONSULT
WITH US IF THIS POSES A PROBLEM FOR THE GOM.

6. THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN AMENDED TO RE-
FLECT THE FACT THAT THE OPERATIONS PLAN IS AN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.
WE HAVE AMENDED PARAGRAPH 2 TO MAKE THE PRINCIPAL POINT
THAT THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES WILL REPRESENT THE RE-
SPONSIBLE AGENCIES OF THE TWO PARTIES. ROGERS

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